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 ENGLISH POETRY.

 TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING LINES BY
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1.

THOU soul, to heaven aspiring,
 Oh, quit this house of pain;
 All dreading, all desiring
 The light of life to gain.

2.

From hence I am ascending
 To yon fair seat on high:
 Cease, Nature, thy contending;—
 To live—oh let me die!

3.

Yon angels, hear them crying,—
 “Haste, fellow spirit, haste,
 “With us in glory vying,
 “Eternal bliss to taste.”

4.

What is it thus oppresses
 My voice, my sight, my breath,
 And all my sense distresses?
 O, say, can this be death?

5.

The world,—it is fast fleeting,
 Heaven’s seats expand around,
 With tuneful seraphs greeting;
 How blissful is the sound!

6.

With them I mount, up-springing,
 Heaven’s mercy to obtain;
 O Death, where is thy stinging?
 Thou grave, where is thy gain?

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* It will be observed in this translation, that the three final syllables of each stanza in the original are not rendered into English. This, however, was done in the first instance; but, upon reconsideration, it was thought better to omit them.